

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President David Ludmar at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Theatre. The meeting was simultaneously live-streamed. Present were Trustees Colacioppo, Galati, Jones, Macari, Mosca and Russo. Also present were Interim Superintendent Dr. Thomas Dolan and Assistant Superintendents Olivia Buatsi and Christopher Zublionis.

At 6:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session in the high school library to consider discussions regarding collective negotiations pursuant to Article 4 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law), discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, and matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person or persons.

At 7:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Mosca and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the theatre. There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Ludmar led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition

On behalf of the Board, President David Ludmar along with Interim Superintendent Tom Dolan recognized the North Shore High School 2022 National Merit Commended Students: Kathryn Ditrano, Ashna Gibbons, Kate Gilliam, Mark Hom, and Eileen Zhao. In addition, the 2022 High School Valedictorian, Kate Gilliam, and Salutatorian Emma Nelson were recognized. The Board then honored former President of the North Shore Athletics Booster Club Steve Grabher for his service to the North Shore Athletic Community by serving as President of the North Shore Athletics Booster Club for 18 years. Finally, the Board of Education was recognized by the Coordinating Council of Parent Organizations along with each principal and co-president of the PTO of the five schools in the district. Each gift was representative of a school program from each school. The high school gift was designed by senior Hannah Ikawa. Josh Lafazan, Nassau County Legislator from District 18 was also present to recognize the Board and Dr. Dolan presented a Citation from U.S. Congressman Tom Suozzi.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, the minutes of October 7, 2021 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Dolan reported that the District received good news with the recent rankings from US News. These were based on math and reading proficiency on data from 2018-19 (pre-COVID). Sea Cliff School was ranked #11 in New York State and Glen Head was ranked #12. He further noted that he needed to look down to #50 before finding a school district that had multiple schools ranked. The Middle School was ranked at #30 in New York State out of 1,300 schools. He also pointed out that with two Blue Ribbon schools in the district all five of our schools are doing really well and he congratulated them all.

Dr. Dolan reported that our athletic teams are having successful seasons with several in the playoffs. He congratulated the field hockey team on their silver medal. He reported that Superintendent's Conference Day is scheduled for November 2nd and there is a wonderful program planned for staff which he will report back on.

Dr. Dolan reported that Homecoming was a huge success and he will report more on that later in the meeting.

Update on the Search for the Superintendent – 8:40 p.m.

President Ludmar gave an update on the search for a new superintendent. He reported that there has been good feedback from the stakeholder meetings that have been held. He believes people have appreciated the opportunity to be engaged in the process. Surveys have been completed online and he encouraged everyone to take part in that process. The consultants will take all of the feedback from both the meetings and survey and formulate a profile which they will present to the Board. The Board anticipates approving that profile at their meeting of November 18th at which point they will move forward with the recruiting phase of the process.

Report from the SGO - 8:45 p.m.

SGO Co-Presidents, Kathryn Ditrano and Noah Glickman said they are honored to be at the meeting and feel they have come full circle as they were both dignity diplomats at Glenwood Landing and recall being at a Board meeting for Board Recognition many years before.

They reported that the SGO wants to boost morale and spirit in school. They are happy to be back in person but it is still a challenging time. They reported that the SGO has approved balloons and Halloween decorations for school and they will hold a costume contest next Friday. They thanked Mr. Contreras, the main office staff and the Board for allowing the Pep Rally to be held. They reported that high school clubs are looking for funding to support the clubs and they are creating an application process for this purpose. Finally, the SGO is forming a committee of students to update their bylaws.

Regular Business - 8:50 p.m.

Update - Community Engagement

Dr. Dolan encouraged everyone to take the community engagement survey which was mailed home to every household and is also online. Dr. Dolan reported that in an effort to increase community engagement the District tried to get everyone to come out for Homecoming which was very successful. Alumni were invited to attend and be honored and the prize for the oldest alumni went to someone from the class of 1958. He reported that the Booster Club did very well, the Carnival was successful and the entire day was very well attended. He especially thanked those who helped the day be as successful as it was including Marge Anderson, Don Lang, Rachel Bowen and Shelly Newman.

Dr. Dolan reported that the administrators have picked up on engagement and he thanked Ms. Ana Aguiar who is putting together a group of community members who can come and sit on a panel for those languages that are not offered under the "Seal of Bi-Literacy". This is a way to reach out and build on the strengths in our community. In addition, Amy DiMeola, Director of Math and Technology Education, has set up a community task force for STEM, for community members to share their expertise in STEM as mentors, offering internships, and partnership opportunities. Finally, the outreach of community engagement in the Newsletter has resulted in a request from a resident for students to help with her garden. Four students have volunteered to help.

Lessons from Pandemic-Impact on our Schools - 9:45 p.m.

Dr. Zublionis and Dr. Dolan reviewed the ten lessons learned from the pandemic and ways to synthesize the learning into action. 1. Summer Learning is Essential and Impactful. 2. Learning Outdoors Increases Engagement and Curiosity. 3. Digital Helps to Differentiate and Personalize Learning. 4.

Performance Based Learning is more Possible and Powerful than we thought. 5. Teach Kids First and Students Second: The Importance of Addressing Student Wellness and Mental Health First. 6. Teaching & Learning=Researching, Solving Problems, & Innovating in the Interest of Students. 7. Professional Learning Needs are Extremely Diverse and Require Personalization. 8. Trickle-Down Emotionomics (Students-Educators-Community/Wellness-Purpose-Creativity). 9. Challenges Necessitate, and Help Develop, Our Shared Valued Outcomes. 10. We have a lot to be Grateful for in the North Shore Schools. The Key Takeaways they covered were to: (1) Ensure that mental health needs are destigmatized, among both students and staff, and that students have easy access to mental health support (2) Enhance the importance of relationships and social emotional wellness and empathetic collaboration in classrooms and throughout the different buildings and offices that make up the North Shore Schools (3) Take concrete steps to increase student engagement through performance based authentic learning and outdoor learning. Dedicate curriculum writing and professional learning to these specific steps (4) Continue to build structures to personalize student and teacher learning (5) Embrace novel problem solving in teaching and in learning, as a source of institutional learning and innovation, while resting on the Shared Valued Outcomes as a port in the storm (6) Continue to view summer learning as an essential part of the journey through the North Shore Schools for all students (7) Leverage appreciative inquiry to replicate internal models of excellence in the North Shore Schools.

The Board discussed the report. Areas raised for focus were outdoor learning, not just on school grounds but in making a conscientious effort to getting field experiences going again. The importance of having goals around performance based, authentic learning. More information on parental involvement in learning was requested. Concern over student mental health/depression and addiction and a way of doing something outside of school. A suggestion of partnering LAC and CASA to work on better health coverage and facilities to help these children was discussed. Ventilation upgrades, air quality and how that impacts the health of children was stressed. Ways to enhance virtual learning was also suggested. Concern over types of assessments for alternative instruction/courses, whether this is causing anxiety for students and teachers, and support for them in regards to preparing for exams was discussed.

President Ludmar expressed his gratitude to Dr. Zublionis for putting the presentation together in such a reflective way. He expressed his gratitude to Dr. Dolan for providing his experience, and recognized that his actions are always being driven by the health and well-being of kids. Finally, he expressed his gratitude for Ms. Buatsi and her strong financial management of the district. He said that initiatives such as ventilation, keeping schools open and in-person when almost no other Nassau districts were able to do, were funded because of her guidance and the strong financial decisions made, and supported by this community and the Board for many years.

Trustee Jones left the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Comments from the Public - 10:00 p.m.

Paul Puskuldjian, Glen Head, said he appreciates the outreach the Board has initiated with community engagement but he thinks a good portion of the community believes the district spends too much money. He received previous audit reports from a FOIL request and asked why audit reports from two different years tested the same areas and seem to be duplicated. He also asked why his FOIL requests and those of Mr. Romano are always answered by the District lawyers and not by the records access officer.

President Ludmar responded that Mr. Puskuldjian's active misinformation campaign over the past year is a leading cause of the community mistrusting the District. He cited a recent ruling of the Commissioner of Education, rejecting a challenge to the 2020 budget and trustee vote as both improperly filed and meritless, despite Mr. Puskuldjian's efforts to purport the allegations contained therein as true. President Ludmar explained that some parts of the audit reports are boiler plate, as certain sections are mandated by the state and do not change from year to year, but that all content

specific to North Shore finances is based on the specific year's findings. He further explained that all Audit Committee meetings are held in public and live streamed and community members can hear from the auditor what goes into the report. He said to imply that there is a problem with the financial health of the district is again spreading misinformation and contrary to the audit findings and presentations. President Ludmar also addressed the issue of the FOIL requests. He stated that the FOIL process is important for public awareness and district accountability, but explained that Mr. Puskuldjian's requests have been voluminous requiring extensive redactions, manpower and resources. In addition, counsel's review has been required to ensure compliance with privacy laws. He cited one instance where tens of thousands of names were carefully redacted for privacy purposes, but one slipped through and Mr. Puskuldjian immediately contacted that party, as an example of why counsel is needed to respond to his FOILS.

Mike Conklin, Glen Head, President of the Athletic Booster Club, thanked the superintendent and Board for recognizing Steve Grabher. He also thanked Trustee Mosca and President Ludmar for volunteering at the Shack during Homecoming. He thanked the Board for the great speed in getting the turf field back in shape. He said he appreciates everything the Board is doing, He also commended the Board for the engagement that just occurred, he said the Board needs to stand up for itself.

Jerry Romano, Sea Cliff, asked if the ERS line of the budget will be going down due to the decrease in the amount needed to fund ERS. He also asked if money will be returned to the taxpayer from the ERS reserve.

President Ludmar said reserves are for contingencies; it allows the District to do the initiatives that were just shown on the presentation by Dr. Zublionis and Dr. Dolan. He further explained that the pattern of this Board has been to keep those reserves on hand in case of unforeseen circumstances. Finally, he explained that although the stock market has performed well, there is no guarantee it will continue to do so and the money in reserves is there for the long term.

10:20 p.m.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, it was:

Personnel

Increments for Advanced Study - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study Kathleen Festa, Mathematics, from Step 14 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 14 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Stephanie Spy-Palmisano, Reading Literacy, from Step 7 of the MA salary schedule to Step 7 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for Brian Lang, Science, from Step 13 of the MA+45 salary schedule to Step 13 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2021

Family Medical Leave

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approve an unpaid Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") leave of absence for a period of Twelve (12) weeks that will run concurrently with any available paid leave, for employee, Ashley Lis, Sr. Typist Clerk, that includes the period October 4, 2021 through January 7, 2022

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointments - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Shanequa Dumpson, Elementary, on Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 14, 2021 through November 18, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Nick Pandolfi, Elementary, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective November 4, 2021 through November 18, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Walter Kleinmann, Spanish and Italian, on Step 10 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 18, 2021 through January 14, 2022

Teacher Overages

Meeting Oct 21, 2021 - REGULAR MEETING Category 10. ACTION - PERSONNEL Access Public Type Action Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the north Shore Central School District hereby approves the following overages effective October 7, 2021 through June 24, 2022 (Funded by ARPA Grant):

Name	Subject	Overage
Toni Cohn	ENL	.1
Samantha Drexler	ENL	05
Amanda Haleiko	ENL	.25
Ali Famigletti	World Languages	.1*

*correction from 9/23/21 meeting (reduced from .2-effective 9/13/21)

Amendment of Resolution

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2021, the BOE approved a resolution accepting the resignation of School Nurse Lilah Dima, effective October 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, Ms. Dima has agreed to modify her effective resignation date to December 31, 2021;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby amends the effective resignation date of Ms. Dima to December 31, 2021

Resignation for Retirement Purposes - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation for retirement purposes for Denise Innella, Typist Clerk, effective October 29, 2021

Resignation - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Lisa Gersburg, Teacher Aide (Sea Cliff School), effective September 30, 2021

Appointments - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a probationary appointment for Domenico Zangari, District-wide Maintainer, on Step 11 of the Custodian salary schedule, effective October 18, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Jill Russo, Recreation Assistant at Glen Head School, effective September 3, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Kim DeSantis, Teacher Aide (Sea Cliff School), effective October 20, 2021

Extra-Curricular Activity Advisors and Coaches

Meeting Oct 21, 2021 - REGULAR MEETING Category 10. ACTION - PERSONNEL Access Public Type Action Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the extra-curricular activity advisors and coaches on the attached list:

Winter I 2021-2022 Coaches		
Coach	Position	Step
Butler, Jordan	MS Boys Basketball	1
Granieri, Thomas	MS Girls Volleyball	2
Gotta, Lauren	MS Winter Track	2
Iacovelli, Tracy	MS Girls Volleyball	2
Jackson, John	MS Winter Track	2
Kozlowski, Aaron	MS Boys Basketball	2
Muscarella, Jaclyn	MS Winter Track	2

High School	Advisor	Step
Clubs – Level 3		
Entrepreneurial School Store	Lisa Johanson	1
Clubs – Level 1		
World Language Honor Society	Steve Burgos*	2
	Diana Garone*	1
Middle School		
Clubs – Level 2		
Ski Club	Tom Granieri	1
Organizations		
Student Council	Samantha Drexler	1
Elementary Schools		
Clubs – Level 2		
Dignity for All students (GH)	Caroline DiPreta	1
Jogging Club (GH)	Ann Marie Burden*	1
	Sharon Richmond*	1
	Jill Russo*	1
Dramatics		
Dramatics Program (SC)	Wendy Bruno*	1
	Lisa Daly*	1

*co-advisor

On motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, it was:
Approval of a Side Letter of Agreement between the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District and the North Shore Schools Federated Employees concerning Compensation for Certain Teachers Teaching Outside the School Day

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a side letter of agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the North Shore Schools Federated Employees concerning Compensation for Certain Teachers Teaching Outside the School Day, dated October 13, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education

On motion of Trustee Mosca and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, it was:

Appointments to the Legislative Action Committee (LAC)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints the following residents to the Legislative Action Committee:

Lisa Cashman, Matthew Lippert, Jaime Teich to a 2-year term expiring 2023

Lawrence Ruisi, Dominic Fortugno, Brian Hanley to a 3-year term, expiring 2024

Appointments to the Audit Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints Angela Levas and Andrew Spieler to the Audit Committee

Appointments to the Construction Steering Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints Thomas Pepe, Jr. and Giuseppe Tulumello to the Construction Steering Committee

On motion of Trustee Galati and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, it was:

Approval of a Resolution Regarding the Destruction of Absentee and Affidavit Ballots from the May 17, 2005 Annual Budget Vote and Election of Trustees

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law §2034(6)(b) and NYS LGS-1, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby authorizes the District Clerk to destroy all of the absentee and affidavit ballots cast, spoiled and unused in the Annual District Budget Vote and Election of Trustees of May 17, 2005

Prior to approval Trustee Russo commented on Dr. Leslie Sgalione. She said she was an amazing and inspiring woman who will be remembered through her inspiration for the Homecoming Carnival and outdoor areas at Glen Head and Middle School. She said she will be forever in the hearts of the community and she is glad to see her live on and remembered.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, it was:

Acceptance of a Donation from the Glen Head Country Club to the Dr. Leslie A. Sgaglione Memorial Scholarship Fund

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$4,000 from the Glen Head Country Club to the Dr. Leslie A. Sgaglione Memorial Scholarship Fund

Prior to approval Ms. Buatsi explained that the bidding for this was done in coordination with our fiscal advisor. An RFP was issued and 6 responses were received. Bank of America came in with a 1.4795% rate which is one of the lowest she has seen in 15 years. This will cover the entire project that is outlined in the EPC.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, it was:
Approval of a Resolution Declaring the Findings of the School District with Respect to the Proposals received for the Financing of the School District's Energy Performance Contract with Ecosystem Energy Services USA, Inc. and Making certain other determinations in connection therewith
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following resolution:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by a majority vote of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Following the solicitation of proposals, the Board of Education of North Shore Central School District (the "School District") received proposals from various firms to provide financing for the cost of the energy conservation measures to be implemented under the Energy Performance Contract that the School District has heretofore entered into with Ecosystem Energy Services USA, Inc. (the "Agreement").

Section 2. Following a discussion of the Board of Education of the School District, and based upon the written recommendation received from Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, the School District's Municipal Advisor, it is hereby determined that the proposal received from Banc of America Public Capital Corp, or one of its affiliates (the "Lessor") is hereby accepted subject to the negotiation of one or more lease purchase agreements approved by counsel.

Section 3. The President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Business and/or District Treasurer (collectively the "Authorized Representatives" and individually, the "Authorized Representative"), acting on behalf of the School District and with the advice of counsel, are hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more lease purchase agreements (the "Equipment Lease") with the Lessor. The Authorized Representatives are hereby further authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements), as the Authorized Representatives deem necessary and appropriate with the advice of counsel. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Lease are hereby authorized, and such documents shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk and made available for public inspection.

Section 4. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Lease shall not exceed \$7,190,000 and shall bear interest and mature as set forth in the Equipment Lease.

Section 5. The School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Board of Education of the School District as set forth in the Equipment Lease and the School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall not constitute a general obligation of the School District or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State of New York.

Section 6. The proceeds of the Equipment Lease may be applied to reimburse the School District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said proceeds are authorized, or on or prior to such date in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 7. The Authorized Representatives are hereby authorized to take any and all other actions necessary in connection with the Agreement, the Equipment Lease, and all matters related thereto.

Section 8. Upon execution of the Equipment Lease and accompanying Escrow Agreement, the School District designates Webster Bank, National Association, as a depository of School District funds for purposes of the Equipment Lease.

Section 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Mosca and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves budget transfers in the amount of \$33,000 to cover BoardDocs subscription and fee for Arcina Risk Group (verified claim), effective October 21, 2021

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Change Order #GC-01 with Surge, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves Change Order #GC-01 with Surge, Inc. for 2019-Phase 1/Capital Projects at Sea Cliff Elementary School, at an amount of \$69,706.12 (addition)

Approval of Change Order #GC-001 with The Patriot Organization, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves Change Order #GC-001 with The Patriot Organization, Inc. for 2019-Bond at Glen Head Elementary School, at an amount of \$1,906.84 (deduction)

On motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Mosca and all in favor, it was:

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Chakira-Iliana Doherty a/k/a SEW Theatrical

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Chakira-Iliana Doherty to provide costume rentals and costumer consultant services in connection with the production of the high school fall play as per the terms and conditions in the attached agreement at a total fee of not to exceed \$3,750, effective October 22, 2021 through November 20, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Long Island Video Enterprises (LIVE)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an Agreement between the School District and Long Island Video Enterprises (LIVE), Inc. to provide professional development, training and production support services in connection with the North Shore High School Fall Play, during the period October 22, 2021 through November 20, 2021, for a total fee of \$5,200, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Parent Members to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following parent members are appointed to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) for the 2021-2022 school year:

Jennifer Grotas

Justin Kletter

Carolyn Rincon

Lisa Sintchak-Wolff

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, it was:

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Millennium Children's Therapy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Millennium Children's Therapy, to provide Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy services during the period September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an Agreement between the School District and New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc., to provide special educational related services, behavioral services and/or conduct evaluations during the period September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Old Business - 10:30 p.m.

The Board discussed an Ad Hoc Committee for finance. Trustee Russo explained that she and former Trustee Vizza worked on bylaws for a Budget and Finance Committee which she will review and circulate to the Board. Dr. Dolan will circulate a charge for an ad hoc committee to bring greater awareness of the budget process. They would receive training and would be encouraged to attend Board meetings, host budget coffees, etc. President Ludmar said so many people applied to the open committees he thought this would be a good way to bring people into it quickly by starting with an ad hoc committee and not lose momentum. Trustee Colacioppo agreed that it is important to keep engagement going; she is favor of the ad hoc committee. Trustee Mosca agreed and would like to read the charge to understand it better.

Trustee Russo suggested LAC and CASA might work together on another charge regarding opioid use, alcohol abuse, mental health issues and lobbying for better health care and facilities to cover these issues for our children. Dr. Dolan will bring this up to CASA.

Trustee Macari explained that she has been getting emails regarding homework. She expressed concern that the homework spike in 6th and 9th grade has not been addressed. She also expressed concern over the spike in mental health and substance abuse issues and the part we play; she wants to be sure we are proactive. Trustee Colacioppo added that the Challenge Success Survey echoes the Homework Survey. She further stated that a lot of work went into writing a Homework Policy and what is actually happening does not mimic the policy. Dr. Dolan will follow up on the homework concerns.

New Business - 10:50 p.m.

Trustee Mosca asked for an update on the search for a permanent middle school principal. Dr. Dolan explained that they are in the midst of a search for an Assistant Director for Special Education. The plan for the principal is to post the position in December, collection of resumes in January, interview in February with an appointment in March or April.

Dr. Dolan reviewed requests for overnight trips and trips abroad for the high school this year. The cheerleaders have requested to attend the National Competition in Florida; no money has been collected for this trip. The proposed French trip, usually an exchange, has been modified to be a straight trip; this has been researched but no money has been collected. The Latin trip to Italy which was planned last year has had money collected and has been proposed for February of 2022. Dr. Dolan

asked what information the Board would like or need to have such trips be considered for this year. While the Board supports travel and recognizes they are enriching experience, they did express concern over COVID, whether students would require vaccinations, what types of precautions would be in place, what would happen if a student got sick on the trip and would need to return, and equity issues. Dr. Dolan will check into these questions and get back to the Board.

Adjournment

At 11:20 p.m. on motion of Trustee Macari and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk